The Athenian Mercury.

Cuesday, November 20. 1694.

Quest. 1. THat Beasts were the Behemoth

Answ. A pair of swingers, if we'll believe the Rabbu, who, as Buxterf in his Syna-

gog. Fudaica Chap. 36. p. 456. tells us, that Bekemoth is a monftrous Bull, which grazes upon a thousand Hills, and every day eats up all the Grass that grows upon 'em, tho by good luck, he refts at night, when other wild-Beafts chule to feed, and all grows again by next morning, which they ground very Rabinically, on that Text, Pfalm. 50. 10. All the Beafts of the Forrest are mine, and the Cattle (in the orig. Bebemoth) upon a thousand Hills. And in Baoha bafra, they tells us, that this hugeous Bull was at first indeed created male, and female, but least they should multiply and destroy all the earth, what did their maker but as for the male, intestabilem reddidit; for the female he struck her with Barrenness, and reserves her for a Feast to the pious fews in the other world, and if you'd have this prov'd from Scripture, what can you defire plainer then that they produce, Fob 40. "His ftrength is in his Loyns, and his force in the Navel of his Belly: and there's enough for Bebemoth; nor do they make less wonderful work with Leviathan; who was also created male and female, but, ne mas faminam faliret, and the whole world shou'd be desolate by the prodigious number of Whales (flying o're the Mountains Tops) the male was ferv'd the fame fawce with poor He-Behemoth, and the female killed and pickled up for the same great feast before mention'd (we can't tell how it may tast when it has been so long in Salt, but at present, the Jews may have a pickled whale every day for Dinner, and yet we believe no Christian would envy 'em,) but let's see how notably they prove this, as well as the other, which they do beyond contradiction from Ifa.27.1. [he shall flay the Dragon that is in the Sea] which they render [he hath flain the whale, &c.] But here are flill bigger miracles, that before this Feast, Behemoth, the Pickled Leviathan, and the mighty Bar Juchne, (a Bird of fuch a competent Bigness that one of his Eggs by chance falling out of his neft, beat down 300 tall Cedars, and when 'twas broke, overflow'd 60 Villages, and who is to make the third dish at this Feast) these three are to fight together before they are kill'd (one killing is not enough for Leviathan,) to make sport for the Guess. But enough in reafon of this, tho if any don't think fo, they are welcome to more on't in the Talmud, or Buxtorfs quotations out of that and other fewish authors, only we shall take notice that there's a passage in the second book of Esdras which either gave occasion to these Fables, or perhaps contains the very first Account of 'em. 'Tis in the 6th Chapter, from 49 to 52. Then (on the fifth day) didst shou ordain two Living Creatures, the one thou calledft Behemoth (that's the truer Reading), the other Leviathan, and didft separate the one from the other, for the secenth part, namely, where the water was gothered together, might not hold them both. Unto Behemoth thou gavest one part, which was dried up the third day, that be should dwell in the same part wherein are a thousand Hills. But unto Leviathan thou gavest the seventh part, namely, the moift, and baft kept bim to be devoured of whom thou wilt, and when.

So much for Talmud and Aporrypha. To come to more modern and authentical Authors. The Behamoth has been generally thought to be the Elephane (as its rendered here in the margent of many Bibles) and that because several parts of his Description, seems to agree to that vast Creature. [1.] v. 15. His eating grass like an Ox. [2.] His great strength and excellency above others, v. 16. to 19. [3.] His delighting in Woods, and

Shades, and Waters, v. 21, 29. as Indalphus and others affure us he does. Then Interpreters generally taking Leviashan for the Whale, the biggest Creature in the Sea, they were easily led to conclude Bebemoth was the Elephant, who has been generally thought the biggeft at Land. But notwithftanding these probabilities, as Beza, Diodate, and other Commentators have left the received Opinion concerning Levisthan, whom they rather believe the Crocadile than the Whale; so the very Learned Mr. Bochart has as good as demonstrated, that the Behemoth is the Hippoposamus, the Sea-borfe, Riverborse, or Morse. For by so many Names at least is that vaft Creature known; and what he affirms he proves, as he does all things elfe, with fuch variety of Reading, and excellent Critical Learning, that we believe there are few Learned Men but what are now converted to his Oplnion, particularly Ludolphus, in his Hift. of Ethiopia, who tells us there, p. 61. of his English Translation, That this is that Beast which Job describes by the Name of Behemoth, and that bis Description agrees with the Hippopotamus, which is very common in those Countries, whence the Nile takes its Rife, as well as in all the stream of that vast River. Which Beast he tells us, is called in the Ethiopick Language Bihat, in the Ambaric, Gomari; for so we are to correct Bochart, (who in his Hieroz. lib. 5. cap. 15. p. 769. writes them Bicht, and Gomar) as we suppose Ludolphus his Translator, tells us in the margent.

But that we may bring something more than Authority for this Opinion, 'twill be necessary to compare Job's Description with this Hippopotamus, wherein we shall find, 1. That several parts of it does not agree with the Elephant. 2. That all agree exactly to the Hippopotamus, even those few which are already mentioned of the Elephant, as well as many others. See 40 Fob 15. and onward. The first thing which seems not fo well to agree with the Elephant is that in v. 15. Which I made with thee; which Bochart thinks ought rather to be rendered [juxta te] near thee, or close by thee; to wit, in the Nile, near Arabia. Which Criticism he confirms from several other Texts, where אסט, which is here translated [with thee], does plainly fignifie [near thee], or [in thy Neighbourhood], particularly in the 17th of this very Book of Jeb, and the 3d. But he might have proved it still more evidently from the Seventy, in this very Text, which we wonder fo curious an Interpreter should over-look, who translate it exactly as he has done, by maga out, prope, or juxta te. Now there are no Elephants of the Natural Product either of Egypt or Arabia, but plenty of the Hippoposamus in former Ages, though now retired further up towards the Head of Nile, as Bochart from Themistius and Marcellinus. Nay, his second Character, That be eats Grass as an Ox, may not be so proper to the Elephant, whose chief Food, as Ludolphin tells us, is the Branches of Trees, Shrubs, and the like. But the following Character, That his Force is in the Navel of bis Belly, will by no means agree to the Elephant, fince all Writers agree, That his Belly is loft, and eafily penetrable, whence the Rbinoceros, and his other Enemies principally aim at it in their Encounters with him and there's a fort of an Infest that eats into his very Navel and mightily torments him, and Eleagar in the Maccabees ran his spear into the Elephants Belly. Ben Gorion lays, his Navel, when he killed that and himself, and a great many more tegether. Nor does that part of the Description any better agree to the Elephant. v. 19. " He that made him can make his fword to approach unto him;rather as Bochart, applicavir ei Harpen ejus,gave him his Faulchion, or crooked Sword; which can't be

the Elephant's Trunk; and his Teeth are harmless The next is as improper, v. 21. He lies in the Covert of the Reed and Fens. But the Elephant tramples Trees like Corn; and what Reeds are high enough to afford him Covert? which so perplexed Kimchi and others, who thought the Elephant this Behemoth, but yet knew this fo difagreeable to his Character, that as Bochart (ubi (up.) they translate it by an Interrogative; An fub umbresis rubat, &c. equivalent to a Negative in the sacred Language; though, as he well observes, if such a liberty be granted to interpret a plain Affirmative by a Negative (like statuimas by abrogamus), what certainty will there be left in the facred Writings? Again, what we render, the Willows of the Brook, v. 22. Enchart translates, the Willows of Nile; and it's certain that the Heb. 773, Nachal, or Nakal, is often taken for the Nile in Scripture; and the very word wed in Jonashan, and the Jerufal. Targ. and that which makes this feem more probable, is, the Reed in the former Verse, rendered maga marrigor, by the Seventy, the Paper-Reed being almost folely proper to Nile; where, as before, we hear of no Elephants. To proceed to v. 23. which the fo often mentioned Learned Man thus translates, differing from ours, Behold a River presseth bim, and be will not tremtle; he will be secure, although Jordan should break forth against his mouth; the other Reading making in his Opinion, too vaft an Hyperbole, and is contrary to the Grammar of the Heb. Befides, that the Elephant is immediately drowned, if the Water be above his Trunk.

This for the Elephant. Now let us fee whether all these Characters agree any better to the River-Horse, and that we shall find they do exactly, as well as all the

rest there mentioned.

One of the greatest difficulties is about the word, Bebemorb, which feems to include only Land-animals. But besides that of Esdras before, where this is reckon'd among the Productions of the water, on the fifth day; besides this 'tis certain that amphibious Creatures, as the Sea-Horse, are call'd by good authors Terrefirial, as well as aquatick. Thus Pliny of the Crocodile, its Brother monfter unum boe Animal Terestre, &c. Nor is he alone, for the Greeks call 'em both together, Sugia, as Diodorus, and the Latins, bestia, and bellua. Of his first Character, whom I made with thee, we have discours'd already. [2. Who eats grass as an Ox.] If this were true of the Flephant 'twou'd be scarce remarkable, but 'tis a memorable property of this vast amphibious animal, and has been taken notice of by Diodorus and others, he feeds, fays he, on Corn, and Hay; hefides, he's not unlike an Ox in his Balk and Form, whence the Italians call him Bomarin, or Sea-Ox, as we our Seals, much the fame, Sea-Calfs. [3. His force is in the Navel of his Belly,] which agrees well enough to the Hippoporamus, who is arm'd with impenetrable scales all over. [4. He moved his Tail like a Cedar,] rather he bends it, the word fignifying Curvare, or retorquere, as Swine do theirs, to which this of the Hippoporamus is not unlike, which therefore must be longer then an Elephanes, the neither of 'em have so much as to boast of it. However the Tail of the Hippoporamus may be compar'd to a Cedar well enough for its ftrength, smoothness, firmness, and roundness, tho not its length, nor is't necessary this similitude shou'd run of all four, any more then any other; as for the other part of the verse, 'tis also at least as exact for the Hippoporamus as the Eleplant [5. The Sinews, or Nerves (Gr. Tà veuge) of his Thighs, are wrapt, or folded together, for fo Bachart is for rendring it, the word here, like 77, being taken for the Thigh, as well as any part near it; which makes the sence full as clear and perfect, and perhaps more agreeable to the Majesty of the speaker, and seems to have been the opinion of the feventy, who translate only [ra veue a auth ou when henra!] His Nerves are wrapt, or folded together, without taking amy notice of the place where this who x mic, or folding, was most remarkable, which doubtless it must have been in the Leg and Thigh of this vali Creature, whole strength in that part is noted by Historians, to

that degree, that he'll fink a Boat with one ftroke of his Foot; and not much less is reported of the Morfe his strength, by our people who hunt 'em in Green-Land. and those Northern parts of the world; of which more below. [6. His bones are like strong pieces of Brass, &c.] not meer tender griftles, or Carrilages, as those of other Fish, but strong, and firm, like Brass, or Iron, made use of for that reason, for weapons, instead of Iron, and ftronger, as well as whiter, as Barbofa tells us, then the Ivory of the Elephant; and Father Auril fays 'tis more valu'd in the Northern parts. [7. He is the chief of the ways of God, Jone of the principal Instances of his power and wildom. [3. He that made him hath apply'd his Crooked sword unto him, or has given him his Sword, as Bochart before-mentioned. His Teeth are like reap-hooks, and called Harpen from the Pkenitian Harba, by the Greek Poets, because he reaps the Grafs, and corn with 'em, [9. Surely the mountains bring him forth food;] what wonder of the Elephant, tho 'tis of the other? and Authors tell us, that in the Northern Countrys they come ashore whole Herds toge. gether, and go into the mountains for Food. [10. He lies under the shady Trees, in the Covert of the Reed and Fen.] His Love of Reeds, and chief dwelling among em, is so far noted by Authors, that they say his Hunters make use of Reeds in their Traps, for him. [11. Behold a River oppresses him, &c. as before; I this is true of the River-Horse, who will remain whole days together in fundo Nili. [12. He taketh it with his Eyes, his Note pierceth through fnares or rather, as in the margent "will any take him in his fight, or bore his Nose with a Gin. The Elephant, 'tis true, is too big to be eafily taken, yet with much more eafe then this Rival of his, and belides, foon ram'd, which for the other is impossible, being one of the fiercest, and most terrible Creatures in the world, and as fubtle as he is terrible, for he can scarce be taken any way but by deceit; others fay, not without Nets of Iron, and our own Countrymen, as well as the Hollandars, give us much the same account of 'em in their Greenland Voyages, where they often meet with 'em, for they are both for Sea, Land, and River; therefore call'd, either Sea-Horse (or Cow) or River Horle, and they describe em as one of the most Politick, as well as the hercest Creatures in Nature ; for when they fleep upon the Ice, which they do in Herds together, they always fet a Centinel, who on the approach of their Enemy, Man, gives notice to him that lies next him, by ftriking him on the Tush, with his own, who immediately strikes the next, and so Box it about to the End; on which they are in a moment in the water, and if any of 'em perceive themselves wounded, they make to the Boats with the greatest Fury imaginable, and oftentimes overturn or break 'em. Thus much then of the Bebemoth, or Hippopotamus, as well from Bochart, as other Authors. Nor is't any wonder that Athens should not have room for Leviathan too, which the Rabbies tell us, as before, that all the World would fcarce hold 'em; but the best is, he'll keep in Pickle till another Mercury.

Quest. 2. Whether, according to a certain Philosopher, the Sea proceedeth from the Sweat of the Earth, roasted, as

it were by the Heat of the Sun?

Answ. This merry Hypothesis scarce deserves a serious Answer, unless the Earth, as some have fancy'd, were a great Animal, and then the Sea shou'd be its Wine, rather than Sweat; the Fountains its Tears; Wirlwinds, Sneezing or Belching; Earthquakes its Cholic, or something else, and so on, till Fancy tir'd, and the Whim were spent. But we learn a more solid Philosophy from the account of Moses, than from Empedocles, or the Theorist either, which is, that the Sea was concreated with the Land, into which parts the Earth was divided, as soon as it arose from the great Deep, the remaining Moisture being dispos'd of either in the very Formation of the Air, or great Expence, or else in peculiar Repositories apppointed for them.

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